

ABSTRACT

WA-I-240

19th Century

Shank Farm

Hagerstown Vicinity

private

Typical of many 19th century farmsteads
in Washington County is this stone house, frame
bank barn and related outbuildings.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Shank Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Southeast of Md. Route 60, the Leitersburg Pike.

CITY, TOWN

☒ VICINITY OF Hagerstown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Washington

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Shank Farms, Inc.

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Route # 6

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21740

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court House

Liber #: 397

Folio #: 333

STREET & NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED	< 50%	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This farm complex is located at the end of a private lane extending in a southeasterly direction from Maryland route 60, the Leitersburg Pike. The house is situated on a slight slope and faces south.

The dwelling is a two story, four bay building constructed of coursed local limestones. A one story, two bay leanto addition extends from the south elevation. Fairly large regularly shaped stones were used in the walls. At the east end elevation the masonry wall is visible only to the gable which is sheathed with shingle siding. There is no decorative masonry associated with the exterior of the building.

Windows appear to be placed symmetrically in the walls. They have narrow frames which hold six over six pane double hung sashes. Some windows retain pairs of louvered shutters. Others have pintles in their frames indicating that shutters were present at one time.

An entrance is located in the second bay from the west end of the south elevation. The door appears to be framed similarly to the windows and is hung beneath a diamond pane transom. A second door is centered in the east end wall, along which runs a one story hip roofed porch supported by round doric type pillars.

The roof of the house extends beyond the end walls and is sheathed with slates. Brick chimneys are located inside each gable end.

South of the house is a large frame bank barn which faces west. Also present are various smaller barns and sheds. Leading in a westerly direction from a drive between the house and barn is a narrow strip between a fence row and a grove of trees which appears as though it may have at one time been a lane or road.

The buildings stand on a farm containing about 130 acres.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

WA-I-240

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Typical of many 19th century farmsteads in Washington County is this stone house, frame bank barn and related outbuildings. The house exemplifies several aspects of the Cumberland Valley's rural architecture. Like many 18th and 19th century structures, it is built of the native stone. The house uses the four bay plan with doors in one or both of the two inner bays. This is a prominent regional type believed to be derived from Germanic building traditions. Characteristic of 19th century construction are the relatively large stones forming the walls, the lack of decorative masonry work above the openings and the row window and door frames.

The farm includes parts of the land grants, "Farmers Blessing" and the "Resurvey on Long Meadow Enlarged." It is made up of several parcels which were acquired by Samuel and Mary and William and Esther Hykes prior to 1901. The portion of the farm on which the house stands is believed to be that which was owned by S. Hoover in 1859 when a Map of Washington County depicting property boundaries and ownership was published. No buildings are depicted on this map for the Hoover property.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Taggart, Thomas, Map of Washington County, Maryland. Hagerstown, Md: L. McKee and C. G. Robertson, 1859.

Washington County Land Records.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 130 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Washington County Historical Sites Survey

DATE

January 1977

STREET & NUMBER

County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street

TELEPHONE

791-3065

CITY OR TOWN

Hagerstown

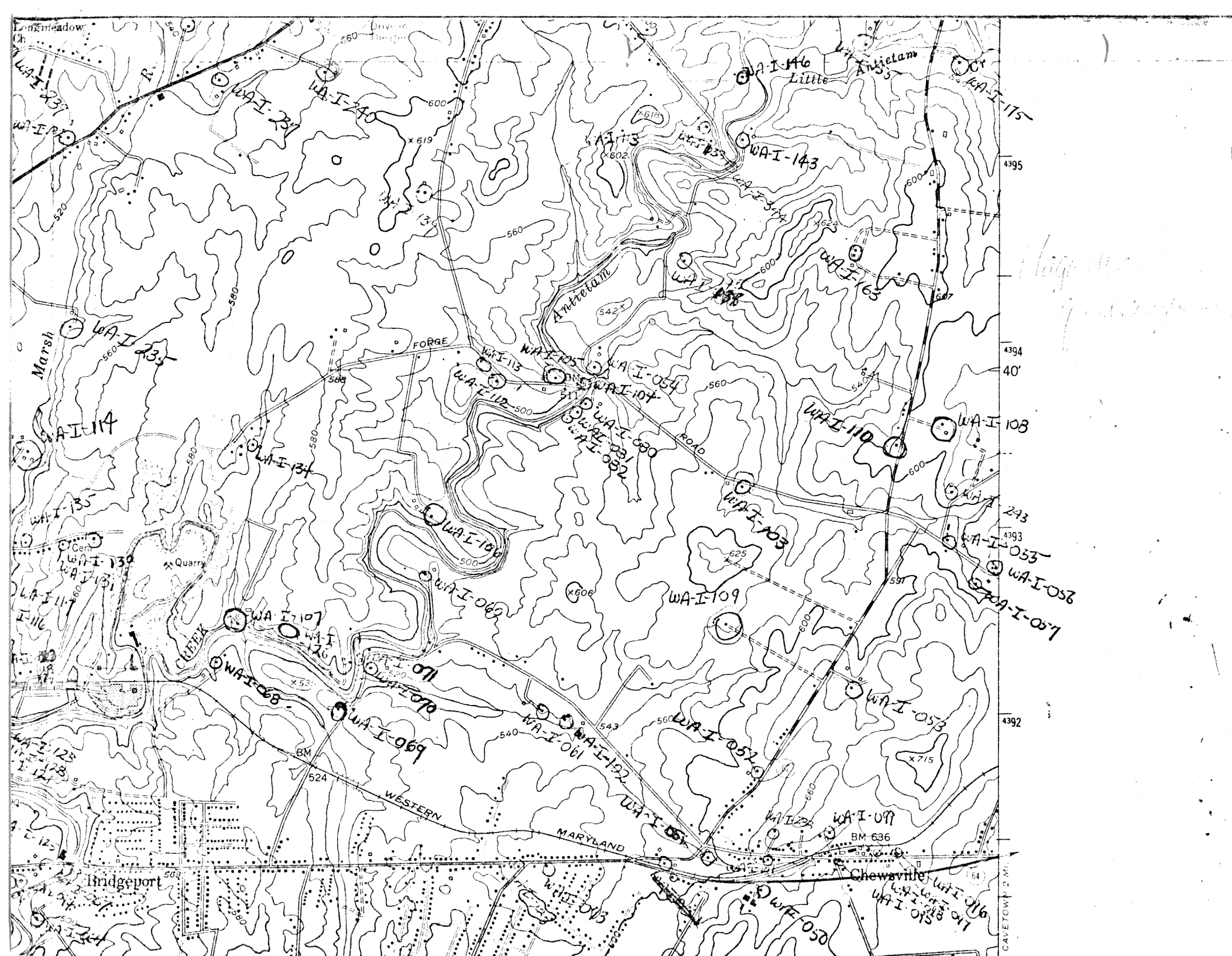
STATE

Maryland 21740

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